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DAILY BRIEF
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1. South Vietnam

As the relative lull in the ground war continues, we have a few more signs that the Communists may be gearing up for an offensive soon in the Saigon area.

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We also have tenuous suggestions in intercepts however, that this time the speculation may be more firmly based.

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2. North Korea -
South Korea

There were numerous brushes between North Korean infiltrators and US Army patrols in the Demilitarized Zone over the weekend. One US soldier was killed and four were wounded, and three North Koreans are known to have been killed.

3. Panama

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4. Soviet Union

The Soviets recovered Cosmos 212 and 213 on 19 and 20 April. These were the two unmanned satellites which were joined and then separated in orbit on 15 April. Both capsules were in orbit for about five days--a new record for the Soyuz man-in-space capsule. We suspect that the Soviets were quite pleased with this mission.

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5. South Vietnam.

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6. Iran-Jordan

The Iranians are pressing for a response from the US to their proposed transfer of military equipment to Jordan. They made the original proposal in early April in answer to a plea from Husayn. On Saturday they asked Ambassador Meyer in Tehran for a reply, and they said they would bring the question up in Washington as well.

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I. NOTES ON THE SITUATION

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Cairo Too: The Egyptian ambassador to India has recommended Cairo as a site for talks. In talking to a US official in New Delhi Friday, the ambassador admitted that Washington's first reaction might be "somewhat negative." He thought, nevertheless, it would be a good idea because US-Egyptian discussions could be held on the side. It was not clear whether the ambassador was speaking officially or off the top of his head.

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Propaganda Commentary: Hanoi's press and radio continue to denounce the US over the issue of talks venue. Nhan Dan ran another editorial yesterday. This was broadcast in English by Hanoi's international service. The editorial said little that has not been said before. The theme was American intransigence and deceit; North Vietnamese honesty and sincerity. The editorial concluded by calling on Washington to accept Warsaw.

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II. NORTH VIETNAMESE REFLECTIONS OF US POLITICAL ATTITUDES ON THE WAR

Hanoi on US Elections: Only a small portion of North Vietnam's total propaganda output is being

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devoted to the 1968 campaign. When Hanoi does take note, it usually picks up some comment critical of the US position. Over the past week Senator McCarthy has been quoted three times--all on remarks about talks venue--but only once was he identified as a presidential hopeful.

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